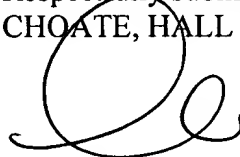


### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005, in which restriction was required, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of preventing repudiation of digitally signed electronic documents. In this response, Applicant has canceled Claims 8-16, and added new Claims 17-23. Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added claims are all supported by the originally filed application.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4042.

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